

B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2014**First Semester**

B.A. Economics (Model I and Model II)

**Core Course—METHODOLOGY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES WITH
SPECIAL REFERENCE TO ECONOMICS**

(2013 Admission Onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answers may be written either in English or in Malayalam.***Part A***Answer all questions.**Each question carries 1 mark.*

Define the following :—

1. Social Science.
2. Economics.
3. Rationalism.
4. Positivism.
5. Utilitarianism.
6. Mixed economy.
7. Capitalism.
8. Inductive method.
9. Price mechanism.
10. Wealth definition.

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B*Answer any eight of the following questions in a paragraph each,
not exceeding 100 words.**Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. Explain the role of social scientist.
12. What do you mean by the Interdisciplinary nature of social sciences ?
13. Explain the concept of epistemology.

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14. What are the features of Institutionalism ?
15. Distinguish between modernism and post modernism.
16. Explain the nature of Economic Laws.
17. What are the advantages of Inductive method ?
18. Give a brief note on hypothesisism.
19. What are the features of commercial economy ?
20. Explain the merits of capitalism.
21. What is scientific method ? Briefly analyse the different steps of the scientific method.
22. Distinguish between stock and flow variables.

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

Answer any six of the following questions in one and a half page each, not exceeding 150 words. Each question carries 4 marks.

23. Explain the basic economic problems.
24. Trace the various periods of developments of social sciences.
25. Distinguish between statics and economic dynamics.
26. Explain the different forms of assumptions in Economics.
27. What are the various steps required to construct an economic theory ?
28. Explain the merits and demerits of economic models.
29. What are the features of socialism ?
30. Explain the micro and Macro economic model building.
31. Define economic variables. What are the important economic variables ?

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

Answer any two of the following not exceeding four pages each. Each question carries 15 marks.

32. Explain different stages in the evolution of social sciences.
33. What are the merits and demerits of a market economy ?
34. Give an account of the relation of social sciences with other fields of knowledge.
35. Explain different steps which are coming under social science research.

(2 × 15 = 30)